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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the disclosures attached and listed on completed Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application.

The enclosed patents were cited in Applicants' corresponding EPO application, and a copy of the European Search Report dated March 23, 2001 is enclosed.

Since the enclosed patents were cited in the European Search Report not more than three months prior to the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, it is believed that no fee is required for consideration of these patents. However, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may become due in connection with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

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